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CIA Director Defends Policy Of Working With Scholars

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Greencastle, Ind. — The head of the CIA defended the intelligence agency's the policy of working with academic persons during a visit here Friday.

He also displayed a deft hand at publicity gimmicks.

ADM. STANSFIELD TURNER brought up his concern about continued work with college faculty and other academic people in his formal remarks at the DePauw University Performing Arts Center and was asked about it by a faculty member during a luncheon in the Student Union.

Turner said the CIA has academic people on its payroll, but mentioned that the agency's policy is not to have in its pay anyone who works for accredited news agencies.

Some people are taking an unreasonable attitude that any such relationship is improper and unhealthy, he continued.

"I hope very much to reverse this trend," he said.

Turner told of a Brooklyn College professor who traded information about Russia with the CIA and became a center of controversy. He was denied tenure.

Such an attitude is "very discouraging and very improper," he stated.

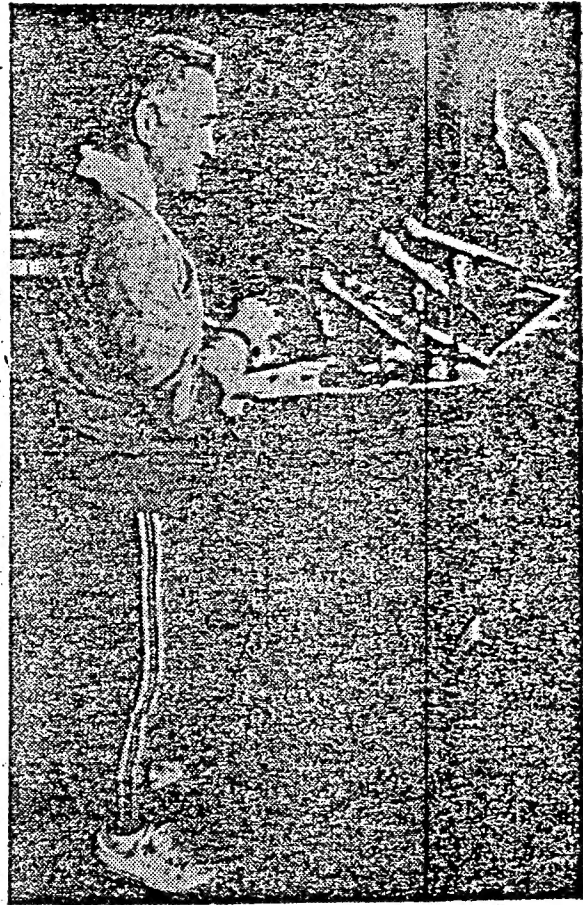
He claimed some in the academic community made similar mistakes in the 1960s, when some campuses removed reserve military training programs in response to student protests. Some scholars who complained of a typically narrow, right-wing military mind thus "took their hand off the tiller" of influence over future officers, he declared.

TURNER SAID HE is satisfied with the suspended prison term given to former CIA director Richard Helms in return for pleading guilty to lying to a Senate committee. He said a trial might have forced the disclosure of important foreign policy secrets.

In answers to questions from the DePauw audiences and from the press, Turner said congressional control over his agency is much tighter than in the past. He declared he would be remiss if he let the agency's ability to conduct covert operations atrophy. Turner stressed that House and Senate special committees get regular reports from him and that any covert operation would need their approval as well as that of the President.

He stated that "spooks and archeology" go together because aerial photography can detect regular contours of earth that reveal sites of ancient structures in places which might be inaccessible or subject to security restrictions.

IN ANSWER TO a question, Turner said he is not familiar with an as-yet unpublished book claiming a CIA connection with the assassination of Robert Kennedy. Turner added that he has studied the files on John Kennedy's assassination and is sure there was no CIA connection with that event. He said he is confident the



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VOLLEY OF QUESTIONS HIT TURNER

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same would be true regarding the Robert Kennedy case.

Asked about microwaves the Russians are beaming at the American Embassy in Moscow, Turner said he is unhappy about the situation and wants it stopped. He added that the beams are below the Russian safety standard, which is 100 times as stringent as the American standard.

Turner refused to discuss the foreign policy aspects of the Panama Canal treaties. But he said he believes that the canal is vulnerable to sabotage or attack.

He said he has no reason to believe President Carter has withheld information about the canal treaties from the American public as was charged by retired Adm. John S. McCain Jr. in Indianapolis Thursday.

Turner got in some tennis while he was at the university and before going on to Wabash College at Crawfordsville.

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